

LOWESTOFT PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1970

Port Medical Officer of Health: Dr. A.C. GEE

Chief Port Health Inspector: H. CORMACK

Deputy Port Health Inspector: F.G.S. HILL



CHARACTER OF PORT

The outer harbour consists of the Waveney Dock, Hamilton Dock, and Trawl Dock and the inner harbour is formed by Lake Lothing from the Bridge to Nutford Lock.

The outer harbour is used for the landing of white fish and herrings and for the fuelling and icing of the fishing fleet. The inner harbour is used for ship building, repairs, and servicing of shipping and general commercial use.

Improvements were carried out to the roadway behind the Fish Market during the year and the contractors commenced work on a new bridge to replace the Swing Bridge.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Port Medical Officer is frequently asked for medical advice regarding injured or sick seamen aboard vessels making for the port. Details of these cases come to the shipping agents concerned, by radio telephone.

Foreign seamen are seen by the Port Medical Officer and either sent to hospital or the master of the vessel given instructions regarding suitable treatment. Seamen on local boats, who live in the district are referred to their own family doctors.

The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen has a modern hostel for fishermen in the town, to which a local general practitioner is attached for any medical services that may be required.

WATER SUPPLY

Mains water is supplied throughout the docks, metered supplies are provided to every office and fish merchants stands. Additional supply points are provided for the watering of trawlers and for the cleansing of the fish market.

MARKET CLEANSING

The fish markets are hosed down daily using mains water and this work has been efficiently carried out all through the year by the employees of the Docks Board.

FISH LANDINGS FOR THE YEAR

1899 landings were made by trawlers during the year. Five trawlers joined the fleet from other ports. Twelve trawlers left the port and of these four were sold for breaking up.

The quantities and values of fish landed during 1970 are as follows:

								Cwts.	Value(£s)
Brill	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	250	5,576
Catfish	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1946	7,302
Cod	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81948	452, 534
Conger Eels	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	9
Dabs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2560	12,615
Dogfish	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15008	63,758
Gurnards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2121	5,248
Haddock	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32939	129,181
Hake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	614	7,213
Halibut	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	774
Lemon Soles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4638	79,282
Ling	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	767	1,828
Mackerel (Trawl)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	150
Monkfish	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	536	3,638
Plaice	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	380431	2,640, 089
Pollock	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136	511
Roes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	276	1,947
Saithe	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	617	1,417
Skates/Rays	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5316	27,063
Soles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3549	144,273
Turbot	11702	253,365
Whiting	1765	5,413
Witches	199	1,311
All others	576	2,232
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IMPORTED FOOD

Regular importations of canned meat, canned cream, frozen meat and offal were received at the shipping company warehouse and were inspected prior to release for distribution to inland storage depots.

INSPECTIONS

1,498 inspections of trawlers were made during the year in connection with the sanitary conditions aboard ship, water supply and the cleanliness of fish rooms.

The attention of the owners was drawn to the following matters:-

Unsatisfactory cleanliness of fish holds	..	..	..	..	117
Galleys and cabins in need of cleansing and painting	..	..	..	..	8
Water tanks in need of cleansing	..	..	..	..	17
W.C. pans requiring renewal	..	..	..	..	2
Dirty bedding	..	..	..	..	18
Food lockers requiring cleansing and painting	..	..	..	..	35

As in previous years the owners gave instructions for these conditions to be remedied immediately after notification.

FISH INSPECTION

All white fish landed was inspected daily before the commencement of the fish auction sales. The general quality of fish was excellent and there were very few occasions when condemnations of fish took place.

RODENT CONTROL

233 inspections were made in connection with the issue of certificates under the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) (Amendment No.2) Order, 1956.

VERMIN

Crew accommodation was disinfested for the following causes:

Lice ...	5
Scabies ...	1
Fleas ...	1

CONCLUSION

It is once again our pleasure to place on record our appreciation of the ready and willing co-operation which has at all times been accorded to the Public Health Department by the Docks Manager and his staff, the District Fisheries Officer, H.M. Customs and Excise Officers, and the various sections of the fishing industry.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
Arthur C. Gee	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.1.49	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Area Medical Officer of Health, E.S.C.C.
H. Cornack	Chief Port Health Inspector	6.9.52	Cert. S.I.B., W.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector
F.G.S. Hill	Deputy Port Health Inspector	3.1.55	Cert. S.I.B.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health - Public Health Department, Clapham Road, Lowestoft.
Telephone No. - Lowestoft 2171.

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TABLE B SECTION II - Amount of Shipping Entering the District during the Year

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	869	139,578	Nil	27	Nil
Coastwise	346	76,408	Nil	2	Nil
TOTAL	1215	215,986	Nil	29	Nil



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TABLE B
SECTION II
BRITISH FISHING VESSELS - Number of Landings by British Fishing Vessels
Made in the Port during the Year

	Landings	Approx. Tonnage	Inspections
TRAWLERS	1,899	27,709	1,498
TOTAL			

TABLE C
SECTION III
Character of Shipping and Trade during the Year

PASSENGER TRAFFIC:	
Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil	
Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil	
Principal IMPORTS - Cereal, Vegetables, Timber, Oil Spirit, Roadstone, Canned Meats, Chilled Meats, Mineral Fibre, Fertiliser, Various Chemicals, Dairy Produce, Frozen Fish, Steel Tubes, Chip Board.	
Principal EXPORTS - Various Chemicals, Steel Tubes, Agricultural Machinery, Sheep and Cattle.	
Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:	
HOLLAND	- Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Scheveningen
RUSSIA	- Leningrad
SWEDEN	- Gelfe, Norsundet, Hudiksvall, Stutskar, Norrkoping, Tunadal, Skogal
FINLAND	- Mantyluoto, Hamina, Patenieni
POLAND	- Gdansk
BRAZIL	- Itajia
CYPRUS	- Limassol
BELGIUM	- Antwerp, Ostend
DENMARK	- Eszberg
	GERMANY
	- Bremerhaven, Kiel, Hamburg, Beidenfleth

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and Tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil

SECTION V. - WATER SUPPLY.

1. Water supply by East Anglian Water Company throughout the Port Area.
2. Fresh water hydrants are fitted in the fishing dock area and on the North Quay.
3. Tests are carried out at regular intervals by the East Anglian Water Company. All reports are satisfactory.
4. All hydrants for the supply of fresh water are boxed in and hosepipes and connections are cleansed and chlorinated before the filling of ships water tanks.
4. Nil.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

1. List supplied to Port Medical Officer of Health and Chief and Deputy Chief Port Health Inspectors.
 2. Passed to Waterguard Office, when list is prepared and amended accordingly.
 3. (a) Arrangements made with Coastguard to contact Humber Radio for outgoing messages.
 4. (b) Incoming messages, Humber Radio contacts Medical Officer direct via Coastguard by telephone.
 5. Notified to Medical Officer of Health by Waterguard immediately upon receipt.
 4. Lowestoft Roads and Dolphin in inner harbour South of Richards Wharf.
 5. (a) Arrangements made with Yarmouth Isolation Hospital.
 - (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts carried out by Port Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspectors.
 - (c) Authority employs a cleansing man with vehicle for disinfection of ships, etc.
- Clothing and other articles steam disinfected by local authority.
- Persons can be cleansed at the Health Department Clinic.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Cases may be sent either to Ipswich or Yarmouth Isolation Hospitals and also Norwich Hospital.
2. Arrangements made by East Suffolk County Council ambulance service who are also responsible for vaccinal state of ambulance crews.
3. Dr. A.G. SMITH, 24 Unthamk Road, Norwich. DR. W.A. OLIVER, M.B.E., Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.
Dr. R.A. LEADER, Elm Street, Ipswich.
4. Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

Clinics at the Lowestoft & North Suffolk Hospital. Beds provided for in-patient treatment.
Clinics open: TUESDAYS - 5.30 to 7.00p.m. Posters for Public Conferences.
 FRIDAYS - 9.30 to 11.00a.m.

TABLE D.
SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year			Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew		
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil		Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	Nil	Nil	Nil		Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil		Nil

SECTION X. - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

No occurrence of this disease.

SECTION XI. - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

No occurrence of this disease.

SECTION XII. - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

1. Ships inspected on arrival. Deratisation certificates checked.
2. No foreign ships found to be infested with rats. Specimens for examination would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Ipswich.
3. Not an approved Port.
4. No action taken.

TABLE E.
RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Nil - Not an approved Port.

TABLE F.
DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Nil - Not an approved Port.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCE

INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Nature of Inspections	Number Inspected	Notices served		Result of Serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Foreign Shipping	27	Nil	1	<p>These concerned:-</p> <p>Deratisation certificate out of date (1). Instructions given to renew deratisation exemption certificates at an approved port.</p>
Coastwise Shipping	2	Nil	Nil	-
British Fishing Vessels	1,498	Nil	76	<p>These concerned:-</p> <p>Dirty galleys (8) Dirty Bedding (18) Defective W.C.s. (2) Water tanks needing cleansing (17) Food lockers requiring cleansing and painting (35) All the notices were complied with.</p>

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH) REGULATIONS. 1934 and 1948

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SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE TO PORTS APPROVED FOR LANDING ALIENS)

Not an approved Port

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS (ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED ON BOARD FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE).

No specific arrangements made but in such a contingency arrangements would be made for burial by a local undertaker under the direct supervision of the Port Medical Officer of Health.

